

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 12-13, 20 and 31 have been amended. Claims 2-3, 5, 9-11, 14-15, 18-19, 21-30 and 32-33 have been cancelled without prejudice. New claims 34-37 have been added. Therefore, claims 1, 4, 6-8, 12-13, 16-17, 20, 31 and 34-37 now are presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-10, 12, 13, 15-17, 20, 31 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dustan U.S. Patent No. 5,884,312 (“Dustan”), in view of Kaufman U.S. Patent No. 5,666,415 (“Kaufman”).

Applicants submit Dustan discloses “a system and method for securely assessing information from disparate data sources through a network” (col. 1, lines 8-10). Kaufman discloses “providing user authentication and a memory for storing a computer program for providing user authentication” (Abstract). Neither Dustan nor Kaufman, individually or when combined, disclose or reasonably suggest all the limitations of claim 1.

For example, claim 1, as amended, in pertinent part, recites “the challenge string including a session identification assigned by the service processor, wherein the session identification is unique to each session . . . the challenge response including the session identification . . . [and] comparing the challenge response to an expected response to the challenge string, wherein the comparing includes verifying the session identification received in the challenge response with the session identification transmitted in the challenge string” (emphasis provided). Dustan does not disclose or reasonably suggest

having a session identification assigned by the service processor that is included both in the challenge string and the challenge response to later verify the session identification from the challenge string with the session identification from the challenge response, as recited by claim 1.

Kaufman discloses “[w]hen a *user wishes to authenticate*, the *server chooses a nonce . . . and sends it to the user*. The *user cryptographically combines the nonce and the password* and returns the result to the server. The *server duplicates the user's calculation and if it gets the same answer it assumes the user must know the password*” (col. 3, lines 1-11). This is not the same as having a session identification assigned by the service processor that is included both in the challenge string and the challenge response to later verify the session identification from the challenge string with the session identification from the challenge response, as recited by claim 1. Kaufman does not teach any of the limitations missing from Dustan and thus, Kaufman adds nothing relevant to Dustan at least with regard to claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Claims 8, 13, 20 and 31 contain limitations similar to those of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 8, 13, 20 and 31 and their dependent claims.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

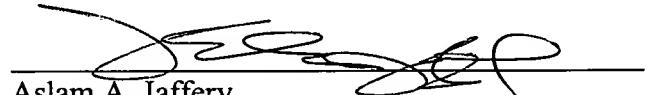
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Respectfully submitted,

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